



THE PARISH OF OUR LADY AND ST PHILIP NERI

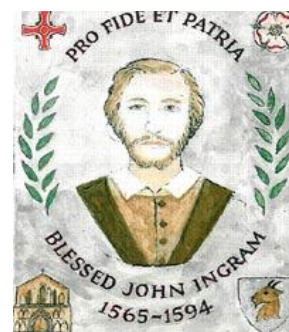
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Sunday 16 December 2018

Third Sunday of Advent

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MASS AND SERVICE TIMES

Saturday 15 December

Vigil Mass

5.30pm St Philip Neri Heinrich Baardman (dec.)

Sunday 16 December

9.30am St Mary Eileen Doran (dec.)

Third Sunday of Advent

11.00am Immaculate Heart People of the Parish

Weekday Readings: Advent Week 3

Monday 17 December

9.15pm Immaculate Heart *Service of the Word and Holy Communion*

Tuesday 18 December

9.15am St Mary Funeral Service - Shaun Joseph Murphy RIP

6.30pm Immaculate Heart Lilian Keating (dec.)

Wednesday 19 December

10.00am St Philip Neri Living and Deceased Family & Friends (JMP)
(St Philip Neri School attending)

Thursday 20 December

9.30am St Mary Joe Oxley (dec.)

Friday 21 December

9.30am St Mary Private Intention (St Mary's School attending)

Saturday 22 December

Vigil Mass

5.30pm St Philip Neri People of the Parish

Sunday 23 December

9.30am St Mary Edward & Mary Ann Arnold (dec.)

Fourth Sunday of Advent

11.00am Immaculate Heart Freddy Bambrough (ann.)

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturday at St Philip Neri 5.00pm - 5.20pm Tuesday at Immaculate Heart 6.10pm - 6.25pm

This Sunday, in the Sacrament of Baptism, we welcome into the Family of the Church

Ruby Mae Midgley and Reiss Jenson Midgley

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE SICK: Pauline Mulholland, Liz McKenna, Peter McLoughlin, Astrid Muse (Gower), .
(N. B. If you wish to include the names of anyone who is sick, please see GDPR notice over page.)

If you or members of your family are going into hospital and would like to see the Catholic Chaplain, please ask a member of the ward staff to let the Catholic Chaplain know. For the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, you can contact the Chaplaincy Department Office directly tel. 0191 445 2072.

RECENTLY DECEASED Please remember in your prayers Shaun Joseph Murphy who died recently and whose Funeral Service will be on Tuesday 18 December at St Mary's Church at 9.15am followed by burial at Garden House Cemetery. May he rest in peace. Amen.

ADVENT ALMS APPEAL 2018 This Advent, St Cuthbert's Care is appealing for your support to help fund their Community Services. Your generosity will help them to continue to distribute good quality clothing, bedding, toys and gifts to some of the most deserving individuals and families across the Diocese. **There will be a retiring collection to support this appeal next weekend 22/23 December.** Thank you for your generosity.

CHRISTMAS EVE AND CHRISTMAS DAY MASS TIMES AT OUR THREE CHURCHES (N.B. Carols will be sung 30 minutes before the Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Masses)		
Monday 24 December Christmas Eve	5.30pm	Mass at Immaculate Heart of Mary, Lobley Hill
	7.30pm	Mass at St Philip Neri, Dunston
Tuesday 25 December Christmas Day	9.30am	Mass at St Mary, Whickham

ADVENT CHILDREN'S LITURGY at Immaculate Heart is this Sunday 16 December during 11am Mass. In the New Year, Children's Liturgy will resume normally every 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month

ADVENT WALK WITH ME PRAYER BOOKLETS which give daily scripture readings and a reflection for each day of Advent are now available at the back of each church priced £1.

CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL CANDLES If you would like a candle to be lit during the Christmas season in memory of your deceased loved ones, please write their name(s) on one of the envelopes at the back of our three churches, and include your donation. **Please complete and return your envelopes by this Wednesday 19 December** and don't forget to indicate in which church you would like the candle to be lit.

ANGEL TREE APPEAL Angel Trees are in each of our three churches - please take a label from a tree and buy a present suitable for the child detailed on that label. If you are unable to shop but would like to buy a gift please give the money to Brigitte Jones who has kindly offered to purchase the present. **Please bring gifts to church by this Sunday 16 December.** Thank you.

THE NORTHERN CROSS The December edition of *The Northern Cross* is on sale this weekend price £1.

DONATIONS FOR CHRISTMAS FLOWERS It would be greatly appreciated if parishioners from all three churches could donate at least £1 towards Christmas flowers to enhance the decoration of our three churches over the Christmas period. Thank you.

SENIOR CITIZENS CHRISTMAS PARTY Message of thanks from Elizabeth Martin and Catherine Salmon *"Thanks to everyone who helped to make the party go so well, we couldn't manage without all your help. We would also like to thank all the parishioners who attended, as there wouldn't be a party without you. Hope to see you all again next year."*

ADVENT LITURGIES As we journey towards the joyous celebration of Jesus' birth, we are delighted that both our primary schools are once again taking the lead in our Advent Liturgies. A very warm invitation, from both our schools, has been extended to all our parishioners to attend these special events and help us prepare ourselves to receive our Lord with open minds and hearts on Christmas Day. Please note these dates in your diary. We pray that you all enjoy an invigorating Christmas, and we look forward, in hopeful optimism, to a faith-filled 2019 within the Parish of Our Lady and St Philip Neri. O come, o come Emmanuel!

St Philip Neri Primary School

Date	Time	Event and Venue
Monday 17 December	10am	Early Years Nativity in school
Wednesday 19 December	10am	Whole School Mass in St Philip Neri Church
Thursday 20 December	10am & 2pm	Key Stage 2 Carols by Candlelight in St Philip Neri Church

St Mary's Primary School

Date	Time	Event and Venue
Tuesday 18 December	2pm	Carols by Candlelight in St Mary's Church
Friday 21 December	9.30am	Whole School Mass in St Mary's Church followed by refreshments in the School Hall

ADVENT RECONCILIATION DAY At St Mary's Cathedral on Saturday 22 December at 12 noon there will be an Advent Reconciliation Service led by Bishop Séamus then, from 12.30pm until 4.00pm, there will be the opportunity for individual confession. The afternoon will conclude with Benediction at 4.00pm. All are welcome.

IMPORTANT NOTICE ABOUT GDPR In order to comply with the recent General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) which now apply in the UK, we are having to make some changes to the weekly parish newsletter which is distributed in our churches and posted on the parish website. These changes affect names to be included in the list of those who are sick and in any Mass Intentions for living persons:

Sick List GDPR requires that the individuals whose names appear on the sick list have given their consent to their names appearing there. So, in future, the only names that can be displayed on the sick list are the names of those individuals who have explicitly given their consent. N.B. in the case of a minor, a parent/guardian should give consent and in the case of adults who are unable to make decisions for themselves, a close relative or someone who has a health and welfare lasting power of attorney should do so. Consent forms for the names of those to be included on the sick list are available at the back of each church and/or on the parish website - www.theparish.org.uk - please return the forms via the Sunday collection baskets or by email to stmarysphilip@aol.co.uk

Mass Intentions If the Mass Intention is for a **living person**, the same requirements as listed above apply. The Parish Mass Intention Envelopes which are available in each church have a consent form to sign on the back of each envelope – **please complete this if the Mass intention is for a living person** whose name will appear in the newsletter/on the parish website.

THE NORTHERN CATHOLIC CALENDAR 2019 is now available to purchase at the back of church price £3 each.

LITTLE SISTER OF THE POOR USED POSTAGE STAMPS

The Little Sisters are grateful for your support. Please remember to save your Christmas stamps. They also collect un-used foreign currency. Boxes are available at the back of each church.

PILGRIMAGE TO LOURDES St Alban's Church, Pelaw and St Patrick's Church, Felling are organising a Pilgrimage to Lourdes from 10 to 15 October, 2019 with Tangney Tours. Flying from Newcastle to Toulouse (via Amsterdam) with a coach transfer from Toulouse to Lourdes. Full board and accommodation in the 4-star Hotel Méditerranée. The price of £635 is based on sharing a room. An additional supplement is payable for a single room. For further information please contact St Patrick's Church, Felling tel. 0191 495 2277 or email. felling.stpatrick@rcdhn.org.uk

THE MERCY PROJECT The Mercy Project @ St Mary's Cathedral is the Cathedral's new Outreach project that seeks to support all those who are vulnerable and lonely in our communities. We are at a very exciting stage in our development and are looking to start our work in January. But to do that we need your help. We are looking for volunteers who can offer any skills or time they may have. There will be an opening evening for everyone to come along and see the Hub and find out more information on Wednesday 9 January from 6-8pm. If you are interested in volunteering or would just like some more information, you can get in touch via Joe.Kirwin@TheMercyProject.org.uk or tel. 07904 881430.

GATESHEAD PEER SUPPORT GROUP for anyone facing depression or a related mental health condition now runs weekly in Whickham at Whickham Library, 9 St Mary's Green, Whickham, Newcastle-upon-Tyne, NE16 4DN every Thursday evening from 7pm. It's free and offers a safe space to offload, to be heard and to receive support to help work through difficult times. No need to book or be referred. For further details please visit www.peertalk.org.uk/index.php/support-groups

ITEMS FOR THE NEWSLETTER Please type or write the item with as much detail as possible (i.e. description of the event or notice, dates, times, venue, contact person, links to further information) and then either email to stmarysphilip@aol.co.uk or post through the presbytery letterbox at Immaculate Heart **by 10am on Thursday 20 December at the latest.**

Partnership Prayer



Risen Christ,
from your abundant grace,
pour out afresh your Holy Spirit upon our Diocese.
As we build on the deep foundations of faith
laid by the countless saints of these Northern lands,
by Aidan and Cuthbert, Hilda and Bede,
may our Partnerships continue the mission
of building your Kingdom on the earth:
to give living witness to your love,
and to your compassion and hope for our world.
We pray in trustful confidence
that your power working in us
can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.
Amen.

First Reading*Zephaniah 3:14-18*

Shout for joy, daughter of Zion,
 Israel, shout aloud!
 Rejoice, exult with all your heart,
 daughter of Jerusalem!
 The Lord has repealed your sentence;
 he has driven your enemies away.
 The Lord, the king of Israel, is in your midst;
 you have no more evil to fear.
 When that day comes, word will come to Jerusalem:
 Zion, have no fear,
 do not let your hands fall limp.
 The Lord your God is in your midst,
 a victorious warrior.
 He will exult with joy over you,
 he will renew you by his love;
 he will dance with shouts of joy for you
 as on a day of festival.
 The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm*Psalms 12:2-6. R/v.6*

**Response: Sing and shout for joy
 for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.**

1. Truly, God is my salvation,
 I trust, I shall not fear.
 For the Lord is my strength, my song,
 he became my saviour.
 With joy you will draw water
 from the wells of salvation.
2. Give thanks to the Lord, give praise to his name!
 Make his mighty deeds known to the peoples!
 Declare the greatness of his name.
3. Sing a psalm to the Lord
 for he has done glorious deeds,
 make them known to all the earth!
 People of Zion, sing and shout for joy
 for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

Second Reading*Philippians 4:4-7*

I want you to be happy, always happy in the Lord; I repeat, what I want is your happiness. Let your tolerance be evident to everyone: the Lord is very near. There is no need to worry; but if there is anything you need, pray for it, asking God for it with prayer and thanksgiving, and that peace of God, which is so much greater than we can understand, will guard your hearts and your thoughts, in Christ Jesus.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation*Isaiah 61:1 (Luke 4:18)*

Alleluia, alleluia!

The spirit of the Lord has been given to me.
 He has sent me to bring good news to the poor.
Alleluia!

Gospel*Luke 3:10-18*

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

When all the people asked John, 'What must we do?' he answered, 'if anyone has two tunics he must share with the man who has none, and the one with something to eat must do the same.' There were tax collectors too who came for baptism, and these said to him, 'Master what must we do?' He said to them, 'Exact no more than your rate.' Some soldiers asked him in their turn, 'What about us? What must we do?' He said to them, 'No intimidation! No extortion! Be content with your pay!'

A feeling of expectancy had grown among the people, who were beginning to think that John might be the Christ, so John declared before them all, 'I baptise you with water, but someone is coming, someone who is more powerful than I am, and I am not fit to undo the strap of his sandals; he will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-fan is in his hand to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his barn; but the chaff he will burn in a fire that will never go out.' As well as this, there were many other things he said to exhort the people and to announce the Good News to them.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

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